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(Mr. Buckland.)

Protection of Animals Act Amendment.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873." Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

5 **1.** The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Protection of Animals Act Amendment Act, 1874;" and it shall be read with and as part of "The Protection of Animals Act, 1873," (hereinafter called "the said Act"). Short Title.

Original clauses 2 and 3 struck out, and the following clauses inserted in lieu thereof:—

10 **2.** It shall be lawful for the Superintendent of any province, by Proclamation in the *Provincial Government Gazette*, to erect any part or parts of such province into a district or districts within which during the time such Proclamation shall be in force, and for the period or periods in such Proclamation specified, any animal or bird named therein shall cease to be deemed game or native game within the meaning of this Act, and during the period or periods specified in such
15 Proclamation such animal or bird may be hunted shot taken or killed without license, payment of fees, or other condition or restriction whatsoever. Superintendent may by Proclamation erect districts.

20 **3.** By subsequent Proclamations, any such Proclamation may in like manner be altered amended or revoked, and the boundaries of any district or districts may be altered, or any such district or districts may be abolished, and new districts created in lieu thereof. Proclamations may be altered or revoked

4. When any such Proclamation as in the second section of this Act mentioned shall be entirely revoked, the provisions of the said Act shall be deemed and taken to be again in force in the part of the
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province formerly included in the district erected by such revoked Proclamation; and it shall not be lawful thereafter, without fresh Proclamation, to hunt take shoot or kill any animal or bird referred to in such revoked Proclamation, excepting in accordance with the provisions of the said Act.

Section 17 of former Act amended.

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5. Section seventeen of the said Act is hereby amended by adding the following words at the end thereof:—"On the lands of which such person shall be in *boná fide* occupation as aforesaid."

Penalty for selling game without license.

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6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the eighteenth section of the said Act contained, the penalty for selling game without a license shall be any sum not exceeding twenty pounds.

Superintendent may refer application for authority to kill male birds, &c., to Acclimatization Society.

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7. When the Superintendent, upon any application made to him, shall be unwilling to give the authority which under the twenty-fourth section of the said Act he is empowered to give, he shall refer the application to the Acclimatization Society of the said province (if there be one); and if such society shall recommend the giving of such authority, it shall be the duty of the said Superintendent to give such authority accordingly.